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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
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FROM: [REDACTED]
Chief, Community Security Group

SUBJECT: Suggestion Number 80-2

1. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the suggestion to differentiate more clearly between CIA's classified and unclassified publications.

2. I recommend that this suggestion be declined based on the premise that CIA fully complies in more than an adequate fashion with all Executive Order's classification requirements. CIA's markings on classified documents are clear and easily distinguished.

3. If there is a problem telling whether a document is classified or not classified, the fault lies with the reader who is not paying attention to what is obvious. While we acknowledge that some components have gone to unique and colorful cover sheets it is doubtful that the sole purpose behind use of these devices is security. I would venture to say that motivation is more associated with a desire to advertise a component's unique publication than to make people aware of security sensitivity. If further use of color markings is encouraged we will end up with inboxes reflecting the full panoply of rainbow colors. Let's settle for making the unclassified publications unique. It would cut the job by 90 per cent since I assume the majority of CIA's publications are classified.

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